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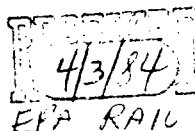
Dear Administrator:

Subject: EPA Form 8900-1 Notifications of Hazardous Waste Sites

Section 103(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (the Act) requires transporters of hazardous substances to hazardous waste facilities, as well as owners or operators of such facilities, to notify the Agency of the existence of the facilities and the type of hazardous substances that may have been treated, stored or disposed of at the facilities. On June 5, 1981, The Bendix Corporation, on behalf of its operating Divisions located in South Bend, Indiana (Bendix) filed an EPA Form 8900-1 Notification covering its plant location along Bendix Drive in South Bend.

In the last several months in an effort to evaluate whether Bendix would submit an application for a Part B permit for a TSDF facility for the storage of hazardous substances under the provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, Bendix conducted a review of its hazardous waste generation and disposal practices, and at that time obtained evidence of possible hazardous substance disposals at landfill facilities off Bendix premises utilizing Bendix vehicles. Thereafter Bendix conducted a detailed investigation of past waste disposal practices including a review of available disposal records and interviews of current and former employees involved in salvage and waste disposal activities. As the result of this investigation Bendix has identified sixteen (16) disposal sites to which certain hazardous substances as defined in the Act may have been transported by Bendix vehicles.

Enclosed are EPA Forms 8900-1 for each of the sixteen (16) sites, identified as Sites 1 through 16, to which Bendix may have contributed hazardous wastes along





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with other companies and individuals during the period from approximately 1930 to approximately 1973. In 1973 Bendix ceased its own disposal of hazardous wastes and initiated the use of third party hazardous waste disposal companies.

Of the sixteen (16) sites identified in the enclosed Notification forms, it appears that Sites 6, 7, 9, 10 and 15 may have already been reported to the Agency as public landfills operated by the City of South Bend or St. Joseph County, Indiana. Site 16, the Sample Street site, was a former Bendix plant owned and operated by Bendix until sold in 1972. It must be emphasized that the list of the types of wastes generated by Bendix is based upon the best evidence available to Bendix and Bendix cannot advise the Agency whether any specific hazardous substance was disposed of at any particular public or private landfill site. In addition, due to the limited information available, the quantities of wastes disposed of at each site cannot be estimated at this time. To provide complete information regarding Bendix disposal practices, asbestos has been listed as a waste material even though not listed as a hazardous substance under the Act.

Concurrent with the submission of the enclosed Notification forms Bendix has provided copies to the Indiana State Board of Health and the St. Joseph County Pollution Control Officer. Bendix has also provided notices of this filing with the City of South Bend, St. Joseph County and all current property owners of each site. Bendix is cooperating with the St. Joseph County Pollution Control Officer with respect to any action he may deem necessary.

We trust that the enclosed Notification forms provide the information required by the Act. If you need further information or clarification of any information contained on the enclosed forms, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald J. Budzin".

Gerald J. Budzin
Manager of Environmental Control
South Bend Divisions

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